

## Joseph Desha to Andrew Jackson, June 8, 1825, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY (JOSEPH DESHA) TO JACKSON.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Joseph Desha was governor of Kentucky 1824–1828.

Frankfort [Ky.], June 8, 1825.

. . . . On saturday last a dinner was given at this place to Mr. H Clay, something upwards of sixty attended and partook of the dinner. It was given in honor of Mr Clay and evidently in approval of his conduct in relation to the Presidential election. a number of us, and some specially invited, could not take dinner on such terms, and refused to attend. some considered it an Adams dinner. The Federal party, or as some call them, the court party, will principally be Adamites, and will sustain those who by managment placed him in the Presidential Chair. a great portion of the republicans or the party of the people, as it is called, feel indignant at the managment practised. They feel like important rights had been bartered away, but although there is much low murmuring, little is openly said. It is thought advisable to be silent till after our august election, after which I think it probable, there may be a considerable explosion. Kentucky, you know, is composed of warm materials, we must have something periodically to produce a fermentation in the body politic. The managment in the late Presidential election will be the tub to be thrown out to the whale for the next season. The party of the people in this state are warm advocates for the right of instruction both implied and possitive, and consider, that the man who knows his masters will and fails, or refuses to obey it, deserves to be beaten with many stripes. . . .